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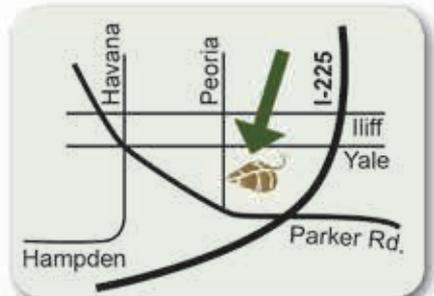
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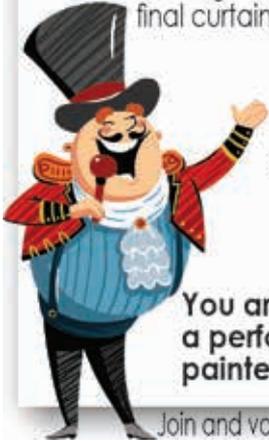
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# HGA Board down to 8 directors, November election has candidates

Eight directors attended the July 20 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors. Al Lindeman's resignation from the board had been announced earlier, on July 12, via Pilera.

General Manager Jon Rea introduced Operations Manager Jason Altshuler, who joined HG on July 7. Rea also announced that Security Officer Mike Martinez, who has been with HG since 2019, was named the new Security Chief.

Responding to questions on his monthly report, Rea announced that the Paint Department has hired, but still is one position short. Some 100 work orders for painting need to be completed. The Maintenance Department is fully staffed with a new serviceman hire, he said

SEC Chair Bev Havens announced that, due to the Aurora Police Department being short handed, HG does not, at the moment, have an assigned PAR officer. HG's Security Department also is short handed. Interviews are scheduled with the goal to have two security officers on site at all times, she said.

Havens noted HG Security is busier than ever, dealing with issues such as increased crime and maintenance responses related to aging buildings. She offered the following comparisons of demands on Security's time for June 2021, compared to the same period in 2020:

	<i>June 2020</i>	<i>June 2021</i>
Reports written	25,000	32,000
Maintenance reports	449	639
Lockouts, covenant violations	1,651	2,119

Nominating Committee Chair Mark Nading announced that sufficient applications for HGA Board positions had been received to hold an election in November. Additional applications might yet come, as the deadline to self-nominate is 4 pm Tuesday, Aug. 10.

Nading said "Meet the Candidate" Forums would be held 6 pm Thursday, Sept. 9, and Friday, Sept. 10. Residents would have more than one opportunity to attend a session outside of work hours (for those still working). The work of the Nominating Committee would conclude in August, he added. At that time, the Election Committee will take over the planning and execution of the election.

HG entertained a number of motions related to Parking Structure (PS) issues and work performed by the Parking Structure Advisory (Ad **PSAC** Hoc) Committee (PSAC). In the end, all but one of the agenda items related to PS issues were defeated or tabled.

The board approved requesting HG's Contract Department to develop a request for proposal (RFP),

to solicit bids to prepare conceptual designs for PS 1-4. The motion entailed no cost, except for staff time. Maintenance Committee Chair Mike Pula explained the purpose was move HG's project forward, "to a place to get city input." He noted the city of Aurora could throw some wrenches into whatever plan to repair or replace the PS that HG might make.

PSAC Chair Ray Nash reported to the board the current status of findings by his ad hoc committee. The committee believes that replacing the PS is a better option than repair. (See story, page 10.) Because of the cost, a vote of homeowners would be required. It might be necessary to amend the Declaration of Condominium.

The committee is looking at a one-story parking structure, he continued, with a covering over it and security measures built in. Preliminary drawings are needed, and the committee recommended three firms to the board for its consideration.

If rebuilding is called for, the process will not be completed in just a few months.

"We shouldn't be naive about that," Nash said.

Becky Hogan, B205, a member of the Aurora Planning and Zoning Commission and a candidate for an at-large City Council seat, advised Nash to hire a professional consultant to determine exactly how many parking spaces HG needs to provide in any rebuild.

"There is some differing opinion on this," Nash remarked. HG might need to retain a title company to confirm the number.

President Jill Bacon remarked, "I hope you will talk to Jason (Altshuler), as well. He has a lot of knowledge about people who work for the city."

Altshuler asked the board's permission to pursue some options for addressing PS issues, taking more time, if necessary. He commented he had worked on a similar problem in a previous job, and noted there might be solutions beyond replacing "like with like."

Pula responded the board was not interested in shutting down new ideas. He welcomed Altshuler's input. Earlier in the process, board directors had pursued providing parking solutions that might be blended with other uses, such as retail spaces or creating more residential units; however, no outside entities expressed interest in the concepts.

The board tabled a motion to ask its attorney to pause pursuing quiet title actions, to assume title of parking spaces in the PSs where the owner is unknown. Bacon noted HG's attorney already had told the board of the cost of issuing quiet claim deeds.

HG has advertised, and succeeded in identifying the owners of some spaces; however, 19 spaces remain un-

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# Extra! Extra! Information for you –

## HGMD Treasurer's Report

### Highlights of HGMD Operations:

#### For the month ended June 2021

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$51,314)	(\$43,536)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$7,336)	(\$3,433)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$4,906)	(\$11,585)

#### Year to date through June 2021

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$350,921)	(\$260,578)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$118,034)	(\$141,038)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$34,034)	(\$60,901)

### Enterprise Fund

Revenue through June was \$1,145,000, which is about \$231,000 less than expected. Income for the Clubhouse, Golf Course and Restaurant have been severely impacted by COVID. While some improvement is expected for the remaining months of 2021, annual income projections will not be met.

Enterprise expenses through June were \$930,000,

which is about \$490,00 less than anticipated. Clubhouse, Golf Course, Restaurant and Capital expenses are all less than anticipated.

### Restricted Funds

• **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery).** HGMD has received \$10,800 from the Colorado lottery. It has spent \$2,400 on HGMD projects this year. The bank account for the Conservation Trust Fund has a balance of \$163,252.

• **Foundation Fund.** The Foundation has received \$991 in donations through June. The Fund has paid \$594 for HGMD projects. As of June 30, the bank account has a balance of \$41,977. There is an investment of \$150,000 in CDs.

• **Debt Service Fund.** HGMD has received \$383,000 in property tax revenue and \$16,700 in specific ownership tax through June. As of June 30, the Zion Bank held \$485,644 for payment of principal and interest on the bond issue. The next principal and interest payment on the bond issue will be due Dec. 1.

## PSAC legal review and recommendations

*{Editor's Note: A subgroup of the Parking Structures Advisory Committee [PSAC] was formed to review and evaluate the legal rights of HG owners who live in the Alpha buildings and were assigned parking spots in the four parking structures adjacent to their building. The following report is from the Legal Compliance Working Group: Chair Craig Baldwin, B242; Co-Chair Daniel Taylor, B217; Carol Anne Mayne, B217; Charlane Pluchek, B218; Bill Reynolds, B216; Linda Hileman, CP1; and Rita Effler, B232.}*

### Legal Rights Regarding Alpha Unit Parking Spaces Explained

**Real Estate Ownership Interests:** Property interests may be divided and owned by different people, just as when someone owns subsurface mineral rights, and another person owns the surface rights.

The original Declaration of Condominium filed on Jan. 24, 1973, (1973 Declaration), Article IX, required that each property interest

be described and divided from other interests. One reason is to identify what interest a person owns. It also assists the tax assessor who values each interest.

Environmental Developers Inc, (EDI) developed Heather Gardens (HG) in sections. Each section had its own plat map and its own filing. B211 is used as an example.

The legal description transfers three interests from EDI to the purchaser. Each interest is described as a parcel. The three parcels are owned in Lot 1, Block 1, Lot 1, Block 2, Heather Gardens filing No. 6.

• Parcel 2 includes the exclusive right to the airspace inside each unit in B211 — the ownership of the condominium.

• Parcel 3 includes an undivided 1/44th interest in B211's common elements, created because there are 44 units in the building. Every unit owner owns a share in the lobbies and hallways.

• Parcel 1 includes an undivided

1/188th interest in the common elements not otherwise conveyed in the filing. HG Filing No. 6 encompasses B209, B210, B211, B212, Parking Structure No. 4, and the land surrounding these buildings. The total number of units in those buildings is 188, creating the 1/188 fraction. The owners of B209–B212 are the owners of Parking Structure No. 4.

### Exclusive Right to Use Parking Spaces:

In addition to the three parcels described, each unit received the right to exclusively use one or two assigned parking spaces, depending on the type of unit purchased. The deed transfers an "exclusive right to use and occupy" a specific parking stall in a specific parking lot. Prior to 2015, some owners transferred their parking right to other residents or nonresidents.

Also prior to 2015, EDI or HG transferred exclusive rights to use and occupy unassigned parking stalls. The Amended and Restated

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# Golf fees go up for non-residents, RV lot repair approved

The July 22 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors met with all directors present.

The board approved recommendations from the Golf Committee to increase greens fees and other rates for the 2022 season. Increases occurred only in rates charged to non-resident golfers.

For nine holes of golf, greens fees for non-resident play increase to \$18, from \$17 in 2021, on weekdays; and to \$23, from \$22, on weekends. Non-resident seniors (65 and older) increased to \$15, from \$14, on weekdays; and to \$19, from 18, on weekends. The two for \$22 week-day special increased in price, to two for \$24.

Guest-of-resident green fees remained at \$13. Juniors playing with a resident stayed at \$9 on weekdays; and \$12 on weekends. Juniors not playing with a resident will pay \$13 on weekends or holidays.

Renting clubs increased to \$14, from \$12, on weekdays; and to \$16, from \$14, on weekends. Twilight play (teeing off after 6 pm) increased to \$14, from \$12.

Non-resident-league play increased to \$15, from \$14. The cost of club storage in the pro shop increased to \$120 per year (\$10 per month), from \$100, for residents; and to \$150, from \$135, for non-residents.

Kevin Keator, B217, said the prices seemed low, even with the proposed increases.

"You're just about giving it away," he remarked, adding — with large expenses from parking-structure repair looming — he thought the golf course and the restaurant "could do a little better job of paying" for themselves.

The board approved a contract with Asphalt Coatings

Company, Inc., to repair, crack fill, reseal, recoat and re-stripe the RV lot (\$26,006). Re-striping will follow the selected configuration from Norris Designs, to increase security and facilitate ease of patrolling the lot.

Funk, who chairs the Property Policy Committee (PPC), remarked that he hoped the work would be completed within the next month or two. In response to a question from Roy Ferguson, CP1, Funk said that every effort would be made to keep RV owners in the loop, so they can conveniently move their vehicles.

The board also approved the final reading of the revised PPC procedure memorandum and RV lot agreement. Last month, Funk noted the revisions did not include garden plots, which had not yet been assessed.

Controller Jerry Counts remarked that billing for the RV parking and for the gardens plots still is done manually. He hopes to rectify that soon, issuing invoices. Funk noted that some billing for RV parking is in arrears, although Counts added that lot users are expected to pay either annually or quarterly, whether they receive an invoice or not.

General Manager Jon Rea responded to a question from Ron Hileman, B223, about RV-lot security. Rea explained that when the former HG Security Department chief resigned, some of the work that he was doing with vendors "hit a speed bump." The new chief will take up the work, Rea said, and discussions will resume on op-

## RV lot fees

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assigned. The PSAC had requested that the action be paused, but Pula noted HG's attorney originally recommended pursuing quiet claim deeds. He suggested that the attorney should be consulted before the board reversed its earlier approval. (See page 6 for a discussion of legal issues regarding the PS, identified by a working group of PSAC.)

A motion to assess a fee of \$75 per month against parking space owners who pay no HOA dues was defeated unanimously. Pula stated that to assess such a fee against non-resident parking-space owners in PS 1-4, without applying a like fee to those owning multiple spaces in multi-story building parking, created "a stumbling block under the current Declaration."

The assessment had been designed to give HG standing to put a lien on spaces where the owners didn't pay the fee. PSAC attorney Daniel Taylor, B217, questioned if HG had legal standing to do so otherwise.

Another motion failed unanimously, which involved directing Security to enforce covenants in PS 1-4. Pula objected, again, to singling out those buildings without applying the enforcement to parking in multi-story buildings.

The question also arose why Security wasn't enforcing those covenants already? Havens explained, due to short staffing in Security, the officer hired to do covenant compliance had been answering emergency calls. Covenant-compliance inspections took a back seat to emergencies.

A motion to create a procedure memorandum (PM) for the PSAC was tabled until the August meeting. PM PSAC-1 was written to establish rules for the ad hoc committee, which the Board approved at its May meeting.

Other actions by the board:

...approved a revised version of the Resident Orientation Handbook.

...Controller Jerry Counts reported that a draft of the 2020 audit would be distributed to board directors within a week. The board will vote on it at its August meeting.

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# \$\$ What are the Parking Structures costing me?

**We know** how much the four Parking Structures (PS), located along South Heather Gardens Way, are costing HG in their current state of disrepair.

- In 2020, HG spent over \$650,000 repairing the PS. That is an average of more than \$22 per unit per month. We also know what they are projected to cost to repair, just so they are usable, in the short term.

- Walker Consultants, a firm that specializes in parking structures, reported in May, that HG should expect to spend approximately \$2.6 million in 2022, another \$1.5 million in 2023, and \$0.8 million in 2024, just to extend the life of the PS for 5 or 6 more years.

- That is \$4.9 million in just the next three years. Averaged over those 3 years, that is more than \$56 per unit per month, if HG residents pay as each year occurs.

- Then, once more, the PS would be in jeopardy. HG would have to spend more time and money to make repairs or reconsider replacing the PS.

We also know that insurance costs are rising nationally. In the four PS, the post-tensioned steel tendons (cables) are continually failing due to rusting of the steel from environmental conditions and the deicing salts that are used in winter. Often, when HG fixes a broken tendon, another adjacent tendon fails. This causes the concrete to crack and spall more, allowing further infiltration of the water and deicing salts, which in turn accelerates the corrosion of the post-tension steel tendons. Once this deterioration starts, it is exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to stop. Insurance companies know this and adjust their premiums accordingly.

**We don't know** how much replacing the PS will cost (yet). HG, through the Parking Structure Advisory Committee (PSAC), is working on solving the PS problem by investigating economical, cost-effective solutions before these structures become unusable. The board wants to get architectural drawings prepared as soon as possible for a pre-application meeting with the City of Aurora Planning Department to advance the project. The HG Contracts Department is working toward hiring a firm to design the needed drawings. The PSAC will then confer with Aurora to get their requirements and preliminary approval of any proposed plan. When the PSAC presents its final recommended plan for replacing the PS to the board — a cost estimate should be part of that plan.

**What can be done?** Industry standards currently estimate that it will cost somewhere around \$25,000 to \$30,000 for each parking space that is built. This cost could increase if HG delays starting the construction. The way to lower the cost, to each HG owner, is to remove two features in the current PS: 1) the need for ex-

remely expensive second level parking; and 2) decrease the number of spaces that must be provided. Currently there are 614 deeded spaces. HG must supply 560 spaces to the units within the Alpha buildings (B210–B212). Reducing the number of required spaces by 54 excess spaces could convert to more than \$1 million in savings for the overall project.

At the July 20 HGA Board meeting, the board considered assessing dues on these additional spaces for their maintenance and other expenses such as depreciation. The HGA Board decided to consult their attorney to determine if such an assessment is allowed under HG Declaration of Condominium. (See article VI under “Common Expenses and Assessments.”)

If you, or someone you know, has any extra deeded space in a PS, you can deed them to HG. Then the plans for the new PS would delete that space from the construction. You won't have to pay dues on them.

The board encouraged sending courtesy notices to those owners of spaces that are in violation of the Parking Rules. Many violations, primarily regarding illegal storage and road worthiness of vehicles, were noticed during recent evaluations of the PS. There could be fines levied on those spaces that are not brought into compliance by their owners. You could clean up your space to avoid potential fines and reduce the extra weight the PS carry, especially on the upper levels. (See Legal 6, # 4 Parking Rules.)

**The cost of inaction**, for repairs alone, is expensive. Remember that Walker Consultants recommended repairs, over the next three years, at an estimated cost of \$4.9 million. If we do nothing, soon the PS will become unusable. The City of Aurora may condemn them, which will decrease all HG property values. Most affected will be the residents in the Alpha buildings who will not have a parking space for their car.

The board, through the research being done by PSAC, is working to provide the best and safest possible solution. Key to that is picking a solution that is the most economical one for all HG owners.

Contact [HGCommunityInvolvement@gmail.com](mailto:HGCommunityInvolvement@gmail.com) with any questions. You can share your comments, express your concerns, and, most importantly, share your ideas about the Parking Structures.

You can also go to: <https://plaidflannel.com/psog/index.php> where you can explore some of what's been going on with the PSAC and its five working groups.

– Linda Hileman, CP1  
Ray Nash, CP2



## HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

Have you noticed anything different here at Heather Gardens (HG)? It is not something that is glaringly obvious. HG is experiencing a “culture change.” When Jon Rea was named general manager, he came with a plan and a mission statement that reads: “Provide Exemplary Customer Service to each other and as a team to residents while maintaining/increasing property values. Leverage your team and leaders to make the best decision for the association and the community at large.”

The changes in HG’s culture are reflected in the way that the department managers work as part of a team. I see this as employees work together for improving the community.

With this subtle, but positive change, it behooves you and I, as residents, to take a look at how we respond to the “team spirit” that is expressed around the community.

One way that the HGMD and HGA boards are investing in the “team spirit” is that we now have two committees that are working toward successful goals. One is the Budget and Finance Committee that has been using the team approach for some time.

The other is the Long Range Planning Committee, which will have one director from the HGA Board and one director from HGMD Board working as co-chairs of that

committee. HGA and HGMD have been working together for the past year on projects that can be most successful when the work is shared.

I remind everyone that there is no “I” in a team. You should remember to take your complaints about an employee’s performance to a department manager. Do not yell at, or reprimand, an employee when we see something that you feel is amiss. By taking the problem to the department manager, or General Manager Jon Rea, or me, the manager can handle the issue with a “teaching moment.” That is a much more acceptable outcome than having an upset employee reporting “that a resident yelled at me.” Or the employee might misunderstand then report, “I was actually afraid that the resident was going to do something to me.”

Unfortunately, these examples can result in creating a “hazardous workplace” environment that leaves HG open to negative things like lawsuits. By being “team spirited,” all folks living or working at HG can foster the new culture — then everyone can enjoy living here even more.

I do not mention this because I want to take anyone to task, but because I am constantly hearing reports of residents who speak harshly to employees and to Area Representatives, Assistant Area Representatives, or other volunteers who take their time and energy to help things run smoothly at HG. Isn’t that key to making this a great place to live?

No one who lives or works here deserves to be treated any differently than what I or you wish to be treated — with respect and consideration. So I challenge you to join in the “team spirit.” Watch the new culture change even faster so that everyone here feels that they are truly part of the “Heather Gardens Team.”

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tions for the lot. Questions include, should security cameras be purchased or leased?

Rea reported the restaurant is integrating a new point-of-sale (POS) system using hand-held tablets, so that orders can be taken at the table more accurately and transmitted to the kitchen. In addition, tickets can be split more easily and diners can pay at the table. The system, which costs \$300–400 per month, makes the staff more efficient, and eliminates mistakes that have occurred — such as forgetting to charge for drinks — when servers had to run back and forth to a stationary POS.

### Restaurant changes

Treasurer Bill Archambault remarked that he is working on revised projections for restaurant sales. With the hope that COVID-19 shutdowns are in the past, revenues are expected to improve in the coming year.

The board approved the 2020 audit, which was to be filed with the state of Colorado the

### Audit

following day (that satisfies a July 31 deadline) and posted online immediately. Archambault noted the audit was a clean one, free of material misstatements, according to the auditors Rubin Brown.

The board approved renewing a maturing Certificate of Deposit (CD), in the amount of \$250,000, for one year (through July 2022). Archambault explained a second CD, which matures in September, is also for \$250,000. Due to the number of capital demands on HG’s horizon, however, the Budget & Finance Committee did not recommend renewing the second CD immediately. Exceedingly low interest rates on CDs make the negatives from not renewing immediately negligible.

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Meet the Candidates September 9th and 10th.

Elections will be held November 19th.



## Publisher's Corner

### Travel scams are exploding; steps to protect yourself

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

Periodically, I use this space to remind residents to be vigilant about common scams. Fortunately, Colorado's Attorney General Phil Weiser, through the Office of Consumer Protection, has highlighted this effort by issuing a periodic newsletter called "Stop Fraud Colorado." I get it via email.

Or, maybe you participated in the frequent town hall meetings scheduled by the 18th Judicial District, District Attorney's Office, Consumer Fraud Protection at HG. The topics have covered identity theft, cyber attacks, grandparents scam and other fraudulent events.

This month, with many of us venturing out once again, I want to highlight common travel scams. (My husband and I were cautious, but excited, when we made our first airplane trip in 18 months last April. Other than paying more than we expected for a rental car, it was a mostly uneventful trip. Masks were required on the plane and in the airport, but Florida was lackadaisical about who wore masks and where.)

According to BBB scam tracker, "consumers have lost over \$375,000 to travel scams across North America — and over \$190,000 of losses have occurred in the past two months. [Because this newsletter was sent June 19, it probably refers to April and May 2021.]

"You may get a call, a text message, or a flyer in the mail or you may see an online ad promising free or low-cost vacations. Scammers and dishonest people are often behind these offers. When planning your next trip, be wary of false promises and a sense of urgency from a vendor that can fool you into paying for something that doesn't exist."

**Beware of 5 common travel scams:**

- **Free or rock-bottom deals**

"Phone calls, emails, and postcards with enticing travel offers look tempting, but a deal that's way under the value of a trip — like five nights in a

hotel plus airfare to Aruba for \$200 — means it's probably a scam."

- **Phantom vacation rentals**

"Scammers capitalize on the popularity of vacation properties rented out on legit sites like Airbnb and Vrbo by offering online or via social media properties that don't exist, don't belong to them, or don't measure up to the gorgeous photos."

Airbnb advises, "Always pay and communicate directly through the Airbnb website or app. As long as you stay on Airbnb throughout the entire process — from communication, to booking, to payment — you're protected by our multi-layer defense strategy."

The website also advises, "Our secure platform ensures your money gets to the host — that's why we ask you to always pay through Airbnb and never wire money or pay someone directly."

- **Rental-car cons**

"Crooks set up phony customer service numbers online that look just like those of major rental-car companies. When you call, they take your money and personal information, then leave you stranded."

Most valid rental car companies don't charge your credit card until you pick up the car. Your reservation can be made online. [Reminder: Be sure that your driver's license has not expired. In April, Hertz would not list me as the driver on my expired license. Colorado does make it fairly simple for seniors to renew online.]

- **Third-party websites for TSA PreCheck and Global Entry programs**

"Look-alike websites are popping up that claim to help you renew or enroll in the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) PreCheck or the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Global Entry program that speeds you through airport security for a fee. But these sites are actually trying to con you out of money and personal information."

When I did the application for TSA PreCheck, I had to schedule an in-person visit to a site to complete the process. My sisters subscribed to the Global Entry Program before going to Iceland. Once again, they had to finish the application by visiting the airport in person with their passport and a credit card to pay the fee. It is unlikely that you can do either of these without physically appearing to finish the application.

Why get these services in advance? For TSA PreCheck, I can join a shorter line at most airports for the TSA security check. I also do not have to take off my shoes or belt, remove a laptop from my carry-on, or worry about having liquids comply with the 3-1-1 rule. (Carry-on bags going through security can only contain liquids like toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash and lotion in containers that are 3.4 ounces [100 milliliters] or smaller that fit in a quart-sized re-sealable bag. My husband has had his shaving cream confiscated twice at TSA security.)

In many cases, my husband was included, although he has not subscribed to TSA PreCheck. It is a subscription that lasts 5 years, which can be renewed.

With Global Entry, U.S. Customs Trusted Traveler, you can speed through immigration when entering some countries or re-entering the United States. I wished I'd had it when I returned from France in 2019. Tired after a long flight, I envied those who could use the kiosks to sign in and walk through immigration control before the long queue of arriving passengers that I had to join.

Both require fees that are paid to the U.S. government. Both entail a security and background check after your in-person interview before you are awarded the designation. Allow 2–6 weeks before your trip (or longer) to get the formal enrollment.

- **Airport and hotel Wi-Fi hacks**

"Use your smartphone's hot spot to connect to the internet more securely. Or invest in a virtual private network (VPN), a service that encrypts your data to keep unscrupulous hackers from stealing sensitive information online."

Keep these cautionary notes in mind, then be confident that you can travel safely.



**Management**  
**Management team is fully staffed; within department promotions**

*By Jon Rea  
 General Manager*

Heather Gardens (HG) has seen some staff changes during the course of the last year. Some staff changes have promoted team members that provided opportunity for employees to grow within their department. It has certainly been an interesting and challenging journey as I and these promoted employees learn new things, backfill open positions, develop or learn a new process. It has helped to have fresh eyes throughout these transitions.

If you haven't heard — a new Operations Manager has started at HG, Jason Altshuler. As the Operations Manager, Jason will oversee Roads & Grounds, Maintenance, Contracts and Custodial Departments. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to HG. He

has a strong background in operations and facilities management. When *Heather 'n Yon* is published and distributed by Aug. 1, he will have been on the HG team for about a month.

My initial goal is to get Jason acclimated to HG. This orientation includes, but is not limited to, how things are done, partnering with staff who report directly to him, tour the property, and attend the community meetings. It's exciting to have him as part of the management team!

In addition, I have promoted Mike Martinez to be Supervisor of Security. Mike has been with HG since 2019. Having worked as an officer on the Security team, he knows HG's procedures and culture well. He also has security experience based on his work with other companies prior to joining HG. I am thrilled to have Mike continue to grow with HG!

I am excited that we now have a full managerial staff! The attitude amongst the entire team is positive. It is aligned with where I believe we are headed together. I am confident that the right people are in the right "seats" to continue to move forward.

I am personally looking forward to seeing where this team will improve and enhance Heather Gardens.

**Meet & Greet with General Manager Jon Rea:**  
 Wednesday, Aug. 4, 8–9:30 am, Board Room and Zoom — Join Jon Rea for a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. This is your opportunity to ask your questions.

**Two employees work "behind the scenes"**

*Meet the HG Board Assistant and Human Resources Manager*

Out of sight and behind the scenes Evelyn Ybarra and Holly Shearer work in the HG Management Office. Unless you are a frequent visitor to the Management Office or attend Board or Committee meetings, odds are that you have never had a chance to meet either Evelyn or Holly. Both women provide back-office support. They have a significant impact on the daily operations of HG, more than most residents realize.

Evelyn, as Board Assistant, supports the work of both HG Boards (HGA and HGMD) and all the board committees/subcommittees. She maintains board records, prepares minutes for the board and creates the supporting material for all board meetings in addition to attending/hosting the meetings.

By contrast, Holly ensures that all aspects of HG staffing runs smoothly. She manages employee recruitment, personnel policies and procedures (in collaboration with the HGA Personnel Policy Committee), compensation management, employee retention, and benefits such as medical, retirement (401K) and annual evaluations (in collaboration with supervisors). If you ever venture into the Management Office, don't hesitate to stop by and say "hi!"

**– Judy Kim  
 Communications Coordinator**  
*Photo by Judy Kim*



*Above: Human Resources Holly Shearer (left) and Board Assistant Evelyn Ybarra.*

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# Michael Buehner-Coldrey: Royal Air Force pilot and world traveler

When HG resident Michael Buehner-Coldrey was growing up in the English countryside, about 40 miles south of London, he watched the businessmen ride the commuter trains to London and decided he wanted a life different from that.

From a young age, Michael wanted to travel the world and experience the cultures — a dream that he has accomplished in grand fashion through a career as a pilot in the Royal Air Force (RAF), as a captain for British Caledonian Airways (BCAL) and later British Airways (BA).

For his first 16 years, Michael grew up in Tonbridge, about 40 miles south of London, a commuter town on the River Medway that flows into the Thames River. He lived in an old Mill House with beautiful country lanes inhabited by colorful Kingfisher birds. Multiple small ponds for fishing dotted the lanes.

“I grew up watching the birds, fishing and picking wild mushrooms,” he noted.

Michael had a private school education, attending kindergarten and early schooling a few miles away from home. He went to public school when he was 11.

“My parents spent all their money on giving me and my brother a good education.”

Still, he wanted to travel the world. The best way to do that was to join the RAF, just as his brother had done seven years earlier.

At age 16, to finish out high school, Michael joined the RAF with a three year apprenticeship on aircraft engineering. It was a strict boot camp.

“For the first year, recruits were allowed off base only on Saturdays and Sundays. We had to be back by 10 pm. We weren’t even allowed a radio,” he stated.

After finishing his apprenticeship, he was commissioned and began RAF pilot training in Yorkshire in the northern part of the United Kingdom.



Above Michael and Tina Buehner-Coldrey, B234

On the Jet Provost, a single-engine plane, he learned aerobatics and became proficient at night flying.

Upon graduation, he was awarded his pilot wings in 1965. After further advanced training, he was posted to first Scotland, then Singapore, Indonesia. He flew the Avro Shackleton, a maritime patrol aircraft.

At the height of the Cold War, he commanded the Shackleton, an RAF anti-submarine aircraft with a crew of 10. Of these, five were electronics crewmen for surveillance of submarine activity. The plane had a big bubble dome for a member of the crew to use a camera to take photos of the submarines.

“We flew slowly, about 160 knots,

or three miles a minute. [Altitude] was at low levels over the oceans.”

In 1975, RAF did a force reduction. Michael left to achieve his Airline Transport Pilots License through the Civil Aviation Authority. At the same time he joined the RAF Reserve (RAFRT), where he enjoyed flying cadets, ages 15 to 18. The cadets

thus got air experience in a fully aerobatic, primary flight aircraft used for training. (Years later, at age 66 and after about 30 years of service, he was told it was time to retire from RAF Reserve, because he was too old to fly upside down anymore.)

Upon receiving his Airline Transport Pilots License, he was hired by BCAL. There was a catch. Before flying the major passenger routes, he would have to take an assignment as a pilot for Sierra Leone Airways, based in Freetown. Sierra Leone is a small country

in western Africa, part of the United Kingdom until 1961. It was a hostile place. Besides being an economically poor county, it had formerly been one of the major centers of the slave trade. Malaria outbreaks were common.

“It was a very corrupt country with the surface diamond mining trade. But it was important to BCAL, because they needed to preserve the air traffic rights through Sierra Leone.”

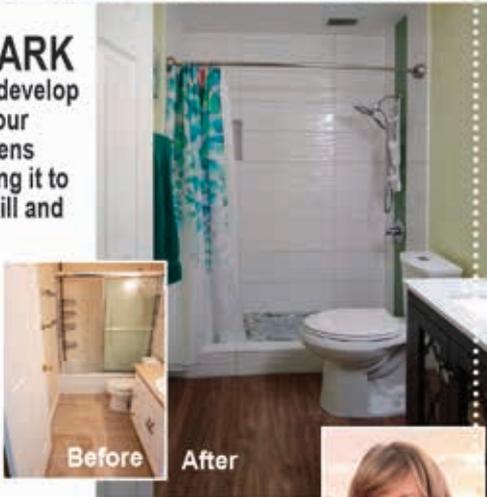
Michael completed that assignment in 20 months, then got to fly Boeing 707s out of London Gatwick Airport for BCAL. He flew to West Africa, Brazil, Argentina and Chile. During that time, the airline opened

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# Don Quixote, windmills and landfills

Welcome to August! A new month and a different subject for this issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. As you may have guessed by the title, this will be a rather unusual article compared to my review of guiding bus tours and visiting U.S. National Parks. This is not a political statement by any means. I am only presenting some new information to stir up your brain. (In a good way!)

The story begins in 1605 with a novel written by Miguel de Cervantes, *The Ingenious Nobleman Don Quixote of La Mancha*. This book, arguably the most famous in historic Spanish literature, is considered the first modern novel.

The plot revolves around the adventures of a noble (hidalgo) from La Mancha named Alonso Quijano, who reads so many chivalric romances that he loses his mind and decides to become a knight-errant (caballero andante) to revive chivalry and serve his nation, adopting the name Don Quixote de la Mancha.

Published in two parts in 1605 and 1615, Alonso Quijano leaves home in search of his own chivalrous adventures. By imitating his admired literary heroes, he finds new meaning in his life: aiding damsels in distress, battling giants (namely windmills) and righting wrongs — mostly in his own mind.

But Don Quixote is much more. It is a book about books, reading, writing, idealism versus materialism, life and death. “His brain’s dried up” due to his reading. He is unable to separate reality from fiction, a trait that was considered as funny at the time.

Cervantes used Don Quixote’s



insanity to probe the eternal debate between free will and fate. The misguided hero is actually a man fighting against his own limitations to become who he dreams to be. However, he will be remembered for “tilting with windmills,” which he saw as “monsters.”

My point is that windmills covered the landscape at least 500 years ago. Quite possibly, various cultures were using windmills even earlier.

I grew up in a “flyover” state where there were farms. Lots and lots of farms. Many, but not all, had a windmill for pumping water to support irrigation. More likely, the windmill provided water for animals. Another use of water supplied by windmills that occurred long before I was born — water for steam locomotives as the U.S. railroad system expanded.

The town where I grew up was small. (How small was it? It was so small the city limit signs were back-to-back! That’s a joke!)

Seriously, the area was home to lots of windmill manufacturers. In fact, it was a major production area for them. The reasons were:

- At the time, windmills were made primarily of wood. Poplar, ash, hickory and white oak were the best for the construction. These varieties were quite plentiful in this area.
- The area was settled by immigrants from Europe, many of whom were mechanically skilled. (My grandfather was a carpenter!)
- It was, at the time, centrally located to facilitate shipping to major metropolitan areas, both east and west.

Modern windmills, as you know them today, first began appearing around the 8th and 9th Century in the Middle East and Western Asia. Spanish windmills in the 17th Century, as Cervantes described, were many centuries removed.

Immigrants who settled in North America in the late 17th Century, brought the knowledge to make and use windmills. Most were used for creating wind pumps. In the height of popularity (1930s), wind pump mills in the U.S. numbered more than

600,000. Many of them are still active today, being used mostly in remote locations that lack infrastructure for water distribution.

Wind turbines started being made as far back as 1887. In the 1900s, windmills were built to generate electricity as a secondary job. In 1941, the first megawatt-class wind turbine was created in the United States. A decade later, the United Kingdom started using wind turbines to power the electric grid.

The true renaissance of wind turbine occurred in the 1970s when research and development identified wind power that could become more cost effective as the cost of oil or gas increased. Many governments around the world are funding incentives for building more efficient wind turbines. At the present, there are more than 341,000 wind turbines active in the world. More and more are introduced each year.

After around 25 years of use, the leading edges of the blades on a wind turbine begin to develop serious damage simply from friction created by the particles in the air as they rotate. Because of this deterioration, entire wind farms are shutting down and relocating to more advantageous locations. Another factor is that there is improved technology to build wind turbines. As operation in these obsolete turbine fields close down, you may wonder what happens to all the parts?

This is where it gets interesting — at least to me. In the United States, the tons and tons of fiberglass vanes go to a landfill! The town of Casper, Wyoming, is paid nearly

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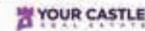
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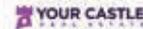
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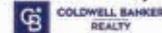
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# The Month (July)

According to HGMD Auditors Rubin Brown, the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on HGMD's operations for the year ended Dec. 31, 2020. Sales totaled approximately \$670,000 from restaurant income, Golf Course fees, and community center usage; a 51 percent decrease from 2019. HG management expected continued disruption to revenue for the first half of 2021. Business volume is expected to increase the second half of 2021 as restrictions are eased or eliminated.

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Controller Jerry Counts reported, at the July 19 meeting of the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee, that 24 percent of HG units are late on HOA fees, to the tune of \$360,000 – a greater amount than in the past. The delinquencies are primarily in the HOA-fee category, not unpaid maintenance fees.

Delinquency notices have been sent, and "I want to get late fees in there," he told B&F. Counts noted he needed to assess which accounts owe additional fees.

He attributed the high number, in part, to having had no qualified accounts receivable professional, for a while. "The accounting staff struggled in the past, because they were not properly trained. People got to slide on these delinquencies.

"They're getting trained now," Counts said of the accounting staff. He estimated it would take more than six months to catch up the delinquencies.

Counts also reported he had filed the forgiveness application with Key Bank, to convert \$1,058,700 of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan into a grant. PPP funds that are forgiven don't need to be repaid.

Counts offered the unusual opinion, that – after using the Jenark accounting program for a while and learning about its features – he would prefer to stick with Jenark, rather than replace it with newer software. That is not an option, he added, because, "I can't get support from them."

Another company has bought Jenark, so "we might use their product," he concluded. HG's efforts to replace Jenark has spanned years, as the turnover at the controller position repeatedly delayed selecting a new accounting software.

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Systems Engineer Jon Howell told the Maintenance Committee that it is becoming more difficult to find a reliable source of vinyl fencing that has been used throughout the community in the past. Most of this fencing is found surrounding patios in Country Place units and the front entry of the Town Homes. It is also seen around the Maintenance Building. As a result, staff is looking into the possibility of moving to a stained wood product for future fencing. He is considering erecting a few wood fences to determine if this would be a reasonable solution.

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# That Was...

It is always a winning event when the HG Optimist Club (right) and the HG Ladies Golf Club (below right) join forces to have a bake sale and sell root beer floats to golfers on a Friday morning (July 9). The proceeds are used to send a qualifying Colorado junior to the Junior Golf Tournament in Florida. This year, the women reported more than \$800 was made on the bake sale, which was a record.



...  
A newly reformed Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee met on July 13, for the first time in nine months, under the chairmanship of HGMD Director Maria Mines. New committee members are Jean Baldwin, B242; Nancy Linsenbigler, B243; Tom Merges, B242; Carol Reed, B231; Tom Tomasik, B242; Nora Tracy, B217, and Linda Worthey, B250. Merges and Tomasik have served on the committee before. Linsenbigler asked about the restaurant plan that was presented just before the old committee dissolved. Mines replied it would be on the agenda for August, after all committee members had the opportunity to study it.



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The Tokyo Olympics, delayed by one year, began July 23, continuing through Aug. 8. One final nod to the pandemic that engulfed the world in 2020, the event would be conducted without spectators. This was a huge revenue blow to the sponsoring country Japan, which did not want to host a "super-spreader" event for COVID-19. As one news source noted, this Olympics will forever carry an asterisk that takes the reader to a footnote about the world condition that made it a unique event.

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According to Johns Hopkins University's interactive map on COVID-19, Colorado has had 567,838 confirmed infections with 6,895 deaths. Arapahoe County has had 63,711 confirmed cases; 773 deaths.

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*It was a rousing good time for the crowd who celebrated the return of music and entertainment by Bryce and Cyndi in Rendezvous on July 17. Besides enjoying food and drink, dancing was a popular activity as different styles were enjoyed. It wasn't just cheek-to-cheek!*



Photos by  
Anne Hummel-Gillis

Restaurant Manager Cormac Ronan reported that the **4th of July** event had a larger turnout than expected: 255 diners attended. He added that Chef Kevin Marquet was shopping carefully, to offset the skyrocketing prices of food. For some, the holiday meant that the grandchildren could swim all day at HG's outdoor pool.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



**B232 had its own picnic and games for residents on the 4th of July.**

Photos by Bonnie Williams, B232



# PSAC...from page 6

Condominium Declaration for Heather Gardens (2015 Declaration) requires that all parking space rights owned by the unit owner must be transferred with the unit. Space rights can no longer be transferred separately from the unit.

By law, real estate interests must be transferred in writing, and must be recorded with the county clerk and recorder to be valid. In other words, you only own rights to use a parking space that was transferred to you by a deed that was recorded. The Legal Group in the Parking Structures Advisory Committee has identified irregularities in the legal descriptions or rights that were never transferred when a condominium was sold. If you're concerned, you can verify with the title company exactly what interests were transferred to you. Do not rely on what you were told. Review the deeds.

**Dues.** Article VI of the 2015 Declaration states that "it is important that all Owners contribute to the necessary funding, and that Owners who meet their financial obligations are not penalized by subsidizing those Owners who fail to do so." Our monthly dues consider the repair and maintenance of one or two assigned parking spaces depending on the type of unit owned that are appurtenant to that unit (Appurtenant Spaces). But there are owners who have purchased the right to use additional spaces or nonresidents with spaces (Additional Spaces) who are not contributing to the cost of main-

taining the parking structures as general common elements as required by the Declaration. Article 6.1 of the Declaration, states that "Each owner by acceptance of a deed...agrees to pay to the Association (1) Common Expense Assessments or charges, and (2) special assessments..."

The Legal Group recommends that HGA assess dues against owners with rights for Additional Spaces. These owners should also participate in any special assessments passed by the community to reconstruct the parking structures.

**Covenant Enforcement.** During inspection of the parking structures, PSAC discovered several spaces being used for storage, which is prohibited under existing covenants. The Legal Group recommended that HGA enforce existing covenants pursuant to HGA PM Legal-3 procedures.

**Number of Required Spaces.** Given the rumors regarding the costs of \$20,000 to \$25,000 per parking space to replace the parking structures, HGA has the obligation to determine the minimum number of parking spaces that must be replaced. The Legal Group has determined that the number of Assigned Spaces is 560. There are currently 26 Additional Spaces for a total of 586.

**What is HGA Required to Replace.** Most of the design options considered thus far have provided for covered, secure parking for 600 spaces. Assessing what HGA's minimum legal requirements are allows more design and cost options. For example, HGA might choose a design that covers only Assigned Spaces in a secured lot. Additional Spaces may be uncovered.

The plat or map is part of the Declaration. The Declaration also conveys legal rights to the owners. The metal building spaces are designated on the plat as enclosed garages, but the metal garage design detail describes these spaces as carports. A specific designation usually trumps a general designation, and there is a legitimate legal question as to whether the plat can transfer rights additional to those specifically conveyed in the deed.

– Daniel Taylor, B217

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# Windmills...from page 19

\$500,000 a year to allow windmill turbine vanes to be dumped in the city landfill. Farther east, over in the coal mining areas near Gillette, they are dumped in open pit mines and covered up. Yikes!

So, what exactly is the United States doing about re-purposing these vanes? To look into this, I contacted both Xcel Energy and National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), thinking there would be a vast amount of information. Neither of them called me back!

What little information I was able to find by reading, is that there are numerous studies and projects currently underway to find uses for this material, but nothing as tangible as what Europe does.

Among HG residents, I guess there are some who are more aware of these issues than I will ever be. Please let me know — I would like more information.

Europe uses decommissioned windmill vanes in a variety of ways. Recently Wind Europe called for a Europe-wide landfill ban on decom-

missioned wind turbine blades by 2025. Europe's wind industry has actively committed to re-use, recycle, or recover 100 percent of the decommissioned blades. This comes after several industry-leading companies announced ambitious plans for recycling blades. By banning wind turbine blades from landfills, sustainable recycling technologies for composite materials has accelerated.

In Ireland, for example, things are quite different. Used wind turbine blades are re-purposed to build bridges, reinforce concrete, and are proposed for highway noise barriers or coastal wake walls.

The first generation of wind farms in the U.S. are retiring their turbine blades. Cast from a mixture of plastic and fiberglass, they are essentially unrecyclable. Their predicted waste in tonnage is expected to reach 2 million by 2050.

However, fiberglass used in the blades is a valuable material that can be used to make things strong and light. By reusing them as raw materials in a second generation product means less new fiberglass needs to be produced. Furthermore, as next generation blades look to increase

size, strength, and lifespan — manufacturers are switching from fiberglass to carbon fiber.

The situation is perfect for innovative uses to remove a problem permanently. Carbon fiber blades are more readily recycled. Enter University College Cork in Ireland. Their plan is to build a bridge out of old wind turbine blades. That can be a good thing, as the Emerald Isle will get weighed down by 11,000 tons of decommissioned turbine blades in the next four years.

Besides my previously stated purposes in this article to identify a different topic and get you thinking, I want you to be aware of the plight that a "throw away" society creates.

For more information: [www.explainthatstuff.com/windturbines.html](http://www.explainthatstuff.com/windturbines.html); [www.ovoenergy.com/guides/energy-guides/how-do-wind-turbines-work.html](http://www.ovoenergy.com/guides/energy-guides/how-do-wind-turbines-work.html)

I am neither a student nor an expert in this field. I have to thank several residents who advised this farm kid. Enjoy these features and keep thinking!

– Denise McCammon  
B242



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One of his most exciting missions with the Texas flights occurred when Red Adair, the famous American oil well firefighter, needed to get his crew and equipment to a big blow out in Malaysia. BCAL was the only airline with the air cargo capacity to accommodate the Adair team, filling up two Boeing 707s with equipment and crew.

"From then on, Adair and all his executives flew exclusively with BCAL," he added.

Through the years, Michael also flew Boeing 747s, DC10s, and Boeing 777s with BCAL. When BCAL suffered substantial losses, it merged in 1987 with the newly privatized British Airways (BA).

At age 55, Michael was required to retire as a BCAL/BA captain.

"The 12 years I spent with the airline were some of the best of my life."

With each professional assignment, he fulfilled his life's goal of traveling and exploring the world.

After years of living in Hong Kong, he relocated to Winter Park, Colorado, where his second wife died after a long battle with cancer in 2001. Several months later, he was invited by friends for a ski day. They introduced him to their friend, Tina. By the end of 2004, he and Tina sealed their marriage vows at the Royal Air Force Club in London, next to the historic Hard Rock Café at the end of Piccadilly Street.

"Tina had traveled a lot in the States but had not been abroad much. After she retired from her profession as a financial consultant, I wanted to show her the world."

Currently, they travel about five months out of the year. Some

cruises were canceled because of COVID-19, but they have nine trips booked at this time. He and Tina especially enjoy the small cruise line, Windstar, a sailing ship accommodating about 140 people.

"We don't want to sit inside these four walls as long as we are fit and able to travel." They have lived at HG for five years, B234.

"We are extremely fortunate to have a lovely life and our health. Our life is totally one of travel, learning new things and meeting new friends on our adventures.

"I'm still traveling but it's with a cocktail now and not in the cockpit," Michael concluded.

**- Patricia McLaughlin  
B215**



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# Letters

## Heather 'n Yon

My mother, Betty Jane Johnson (12/10/27–7/4/21) passed away in Denver at the age of 93. Her husband, Roger, preceded her in death two years ago.

Her memorial service is scheduled for 10 am Aug. 7, at Grace UMC, 4905 E. Yale Ave., Denver, 80222.

– Christine Bell  
cbell2169@gmail.com

## Heather 'n Yon

After coming home from a walk, I put my key in the door and found that my lock no longer worked. I called Security. They called HG Maintenance Department while I was still on the phone. I was told someone would be there in five minutes. Being the skeptic that I am, I was pleasantly surprised to meet Enrique in five minutes!

He immediately knew what tools were needed to remove my old lock. He returned in 15 minutes, as promised, with his drill and a new lock.

Getting the old lock off proved to be difficult, requiring various drill bits. He continued drilling to get through the stubborn screws inside the lock. Enrique worked tirelessly, putting all his body weight against the drill. I was so impressed by his perseverance, hard work and professionalism!

Other residents in the hallway made the comment that he deserved to be nominated for “Employee of the Month.” They mentioned what a good job he did when helping them as well.

Kudos to Enrique (unfortunately I didn't get his last name). He is truly an asset to the HG Maintenance Department!

– Bonnie Williams  
B232

## Heather 'n Yon

I was disappointed to read a letter that Dick Laslo wrote recently to *Heather 'n Yon* regarding his political view. It wasn't his contempt for Pelosi or how he felt about George Floyd that concerned me. It was his very opinionated view of how Democratic grandparents desire their grandchildren to grow up to be like George Floyd — a criminal, drug addict and forger.

It is precisely statements such as this that continue to tear away the fabric of our society. Everyone has a right to their opinions but for someone to determine how others feel is absolutely impossible to know.

As crazy as a statement like that was to say that anyone would want a child to grow up to be a criminal is a reflection of how politics has become increasingly hostile and toxic over the last few years. People want to judge and vilify other Americans.

Independents, Republicans,

Democrats, even those who don't vote, live, work and interact with each other several times a day without any issues.

They are family members. They are friends. But turn on the news and it paints a whole different picture of life. Turning off the news allows the opportunity for people to see what is happening in their daily life without the constant barrage of negative commentary. One might realize that daily life in America is actually quite amazing.

– Cyndi Angelu  
B213

## Heather 'n Yon

The HGMD just voted (July) on the fees to charge residents and non-residents to play a 9-hole round next year, based on recommendation from the HG Golf Committee.

The fees for non-residents were raised slightly. As amazing as it may seem — the fees for HG golfers stayed the same as last year.

HG golf fees are the lowest in the metro area, yet the rest of us subsidize those who golf. I cannot go to a movie as cheaply as one can play nine holes at HG.

I am all for the Golf Course, but think, it could be self-sustaining if the fees were raised more than \$1 per year if the committee is willing to assess itself.

– Kevin Keator, B217

## The Burly Moon *(a love sonnet)*

The burly moon has whispered down the sky through smoky coils of cloud that fracture sight, while I but wonder at the blight of knowing my beloved sees this moon with me tonight, yet out of reach of arms that ache to hold, and not in smell of breath or flowered scent.

Nor can I feel the satin sheets unrolled for partner'd passion, stirred but never spent. Outside the night has all the parts we name when lovers hover, quiet, each near each, yet here my window walls the night, to frame it glassy as the portrait of my peach.

My beauty, solace, queen of mystery and pow'r, Whose love I savor silent hour on hour.

– Joel Hinrichs  
B250

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	Pickleball (every Sunday)	Tennis Courts	8 am–noon
<b>Mon 2</b>	Tennis Club (every Monday)	Tennis Courts	8–10 am
	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics	Blue Spruce Room	8:30 am–12:30 pm
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	11:30 am–2:30 pm
	Mah Jongg	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	Book Club	Mountainview Room	1–3 pm
	Pickleball (every Monday)	Tennis Courts	5:30–7:30 pm
	Pinochle (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6–8 pm
<b>Tue 3</b>	Fun Gals Golf (every Tuesday)	Golf Course	8 am
	Pickleball (every Tuesday)	Tennis Courts	8 am–noon
	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	Grief Support	Mountainview Room	4:15–6 pm
	Tennis Club (every Tuesday)	Tennis Courts	4–6 pm
	Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)	Billiard Room	5–7:30 pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	HG Ladies Golf Club (every Wednesday)	Game Room	7 am–1 pm
	<b>Meet with General Manager Jon Rea</b>	Board Room; Zoom	8–9:30 am
	Tennis Club (every Wednesday)	Tennis Courts	8–10 am
	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Co-Ed (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	11:30–5 pm
	Cribbage (every Wednesday)	Clubhouse Lobby	12:30–3 pm
	HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Blue Spruce Room	noon–4:45 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
	CP1 Happy Hour	CP1 cul-de-sac	4 pm
	Pickleball (every Wednesday)	Tennis Courts	5:30–7:30 pm
<b>Thu 5</b>	Tai Chi (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	8–10 am
	Pickleball (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	8 am–noon
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8–9:30 am
	Fun Gals Golf (every Thursday)	Golf Course	8:12 am
	Fruit Shak (every Thursday)	Clubhouse Parking Lot	9 am–5 pm
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–4 pm
	Bridge (every Thursday)	Skyview Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	Tennis Club (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	4–6 pm
	NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Thursday)	Sandberg Auditorium	4:45–6:15 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora	Skyview Room	5:30–7:15 pm

## Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Aug. 2 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 63)  
 Aug. 1–22 Vintage Theatre, 1460 Dayton St, Aurora, *Five Guys Named Moe*, 303-856-7830

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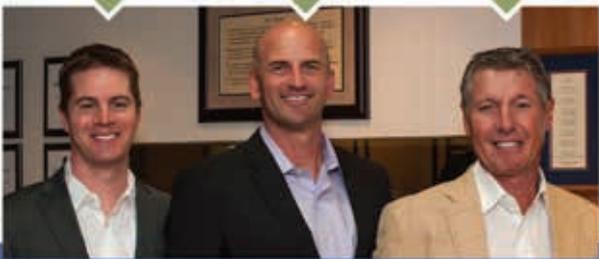
<b>Thu 5 cont'd</b>	CP4 Social Men's 9-Ball Billiards (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Billiards Room	5 pm 6–7:30 pm
<b>Fri 6</b>	HG Men's Golf Scoring (every Friday) Tennis Club (every Friday) Men with Purpose Men's Poker <b>Clubhouse Movie: Midway</b> HG Indivisible 500 Club (every Friday) Pickleball (every Friday) <b>Clubhouse Movie: Midway</b>	Golf Pro Shop Patio Tennis Courts Skyview Room Mountainview Room Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Skyview Room Tennis Courts Sandberg Auditorium	8 am–1 pm 8–10 am 10–11 am 11:30 am–5 pm 1 pm 1–2 pm 1–4 pm 5:30–7:30 pm 6 pm
<b>Sat 7</b>	Tennis Club (every Saturday) Pickleball (every Saturday) <b>Clubhouse Event: Introducing Starry Internet</b> Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday) Ping Pong (every Saturday) Saturday Night Entertainment (every Saturday)	Tennis Courts Tennis Courts Sandberg Auditorium Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Rendezvous Restaurant	8–10 am 8 am–noon noon–2 pm noon–4 pm 2–3 pm 6–9 pm
<b>Sun 8</b>	Pickleball (every Sunday)	Tennis Courts	8 am–noon
<b>Mon 9</b>	Bridge Mah Jongg	Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room	noon–4 pm 12:30–4 pm
<b>Tue 10</b>	Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday) Bridge	Billiards Room Blue Spruce Room	5:30–7:30 pm 6:30–7:45 pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: History of Colorado</b> Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	2 pm 6–7:30 pm
<b>Thu 12</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Pantry</b> Green Team RV Lot Club	B250 Parking Lot Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	10 am–noon noon–2 pm 5 pm
<b>Fri 13</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Flea Market</b> Birding and Nature Club Karaoke Club <b>Clubhouse Event: 101st Army Dixieland Band</b>	Sandberg Auditorium Mountainview Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Clubhouse Parking lot	9 am–3 pm 10 am 5–7:30 pm 6 pm
<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Flea Market</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	9 am–3 pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics Mah Jongg HG Photo Club	Blue Spruce Room Sunburst Café Aspen Room	8:30 am–12:30 pm 12:30–4 pm 3 pm
<b>Tue 17</b>	Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room	2–4 pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Stretch Your Grocery Dollars</b> <b>Resident Open Forum (GM Rea and Cormac Ronan)</b> CP1 Happy Hour Tennis Club Social/Meeting CP3 Social	Aspen Room Board Room; Zoom CP1 cul-de-sac Rendezvous Restaurant CP3 cul-de-sac	2–4 pm 3 pm 4 pm 4 pm 5:30 pm
<b>Thu 19</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Gauchos of Argentina</b> Bunko	Sunburst Café Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room	9 am–1 pm 1 pm 1–3:30 pm

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Fri 20	Kiwanis Club of Aurora	Skyview Room	5 pm
	Men with a Purpose HG Indivisible Frolics Club	Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 1–2 pm 1–4 pm
Sat 21	Wine and Cheese Social Club and Hippie Party	Picnic Pavilion	5:30–9 pm
Mon 23	Mah Jongg	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	Low Vision Support Group	Mountainview Room	1:30–2:30 pm
Wed 25	Resident Orientation	Zoom meeting	10 am
Fri 27	HG Indivisible	Zoom	1 pm
	<b>Clubhouse Event: Comedy Night</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
Sat 28	HG Republican Club	Picnic Pavilion	9–11 am
Tue 31	HG Democratic Club	Picnic Pavilion	4–5:30 pm

**Bible Study** (Interdenominational) on every Wednesday, 9–10 am, Aspen Room (women); Blue Spruce Room (men). For information, call Joyce Smith, 918-586-2954. Men will continue to share on Meet. Google both on Wednesday morning and Saturday morning, <https://meet.google.com/vpk-rgxi-fja>.

**Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study.** For information, call Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email [clinecellars57@yahoo.com](mailto:clinecellars57@yahoo.com).

**Bible Study (women)** meet every Thursday in the Mountainview Room, 9:30–11 am. (On July 1, start time is 10 am.) We are studying Ray Vander Laan's *Clash of the Kingdoms (Ceasar's Kingdom and God's Kingdom)*, about Paul in Philippi and Thessalonica. Call Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, to join us.

**Catholic Mass** St Michael's Catholic Mass will not be resuming Saturday mass at HG until September 2021. Residents will be notified.

**Chapel** (Interdenominational Church Service) 11 am Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Pastor Bill Cheyne. We will continue the service on ZOOM for those who are unable to attend in person. Email Carolyn Morris for the link, [motoringmorris@gmail.com](mailto:motoringmorris@gmail.com).

- **Sunday Bible Study:** 10 am, Mountainview Room. Leader: Pastor Bill Cheyne.

- **Coffee Time:** 3rd Sunday, prior to Chapel Service

## Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 8/17

### • Monthly Meetings •

#### Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be in the Board Room unless Zoom is noted. In some cases, both in-person meetings and Zoom are available.

- SEC (Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Aug. 2
- Public Relations (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Aug. 3
- ad hoc PSAC – 3 pm Fri, Aug. 6
- Campus Tech (Zoom) – 9:30 am Tue, Aug. 10
- Golf (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 10
- Clubhouse/Restaurant (Zoom) – 3 pm Tue, Aug. 10
- Foundation (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, Aug. 11
- Personnel Policy (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Aug. 13
- Budget & Finance (Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Aug. 16
- HGA Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 17**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Wed, Aug. 18  
(Board Room and Zoom)
- HGMD Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, Aug. 19**
- ACC (Zoom) – 3 pm Thu, Aug. 19
- Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Aug. 24
- Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Aug. 25

## FYI

### VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$45 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$40 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$15. If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you will be charged \$5. Have exact cash amount or checks, made out to "VNA." The clinic has no change. Call VNA, 845-418-4006

- Monday, Aug. 2, 8:30 am–12:30 pm, Blue Spruce Rm
- Monday, Aug. 16, 8:30 am–12:30 pm, Blue Spruce Rm

### Vintage Theatre

*Five Guys Named Moe* by Clarke Peters

featuring the music of Louis Jordan July 23–Aug. 22  
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### High Line Canal Conservancy

*Celebrate Colorado Day and Kick-Off Walk for the Canal!*

9:30 am–1 pm Sunday, Aug. 1

4010 E Orchard Rd, Centennial 80121

An open-house-style celebration with family-friendly activities, snacks and a special Colorado Day event. Walk around the historic Little Dry Creek property with a parade of 71 Colorado flags.

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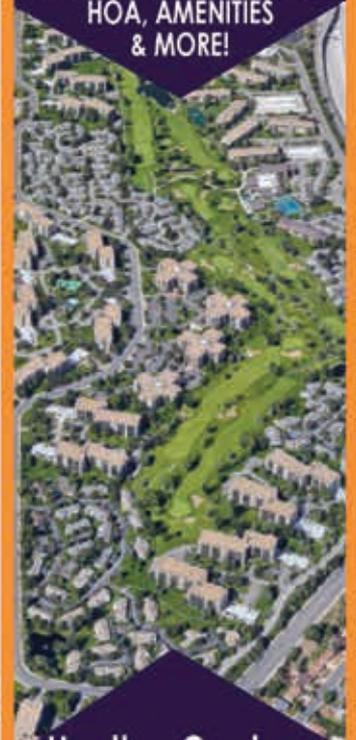
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# A lot is happening in the Seville area

Several years ago, a resident was overheard saying, "Why is this community called Heather Gardens? There are no flowers or gardens!"

That was an interesting observation and an honest statement! There must be a history to the name, Heather Gardens. Wait, that discussion is for a different article.

Over the last decade, there have been many upgrades and face-lifts to the Seville area. The Seville Recreation Board (SRA) has been working tirelessly on behalf of its residents to continually improve the environment. Here are just a few noticeable additions and improvements that have occurred:

- Pickleball/tennis court repair: resurfacing and new windscreen
- Donated colorful Koi to the Lilly Pond
- A life-sized coyote decoy and an alligator head in the pond to deter the aggressive behavior of the visiting Great Blue Herons that prey on the fish.
- Rebuilt foot bridge at the edge of the Lilly Pond
- Major work to the heated spa and swimming pool
- New décor in the ladies cabana
- Colorful coordinated pool furniture featuring two flowerpots for additional interest and color
- Removed dead or overgrown vegetation throughout the entire common area of the Seville
- Added multiple flowerpots and gardens.

Other work that has been done in the Seville area includes a newly installed American flag, that now has direct spotlight lighting. At the base of the flag pole, a well-designed garden surrounds the pole.

Getting back to the initial statement made by a resident asking "where are the flowers and gardens?" Seville Roads & Grounds has been working diligently to address this deficiency — at least in the Seville area.

Whether it was a result of being restricted by the COVID-19 pandemic, or the personal desire to improve the Seville area, 12 gardeners met — offering their time, talent, and assistance. The spontaneous response in

early May was overwhelming!

A meeting was held for the new group of volunteers where ideas about how to improve the landscape were discussed. It was a necessary step before the volunteer gardeners could officially proceed. Each volunteer expressed their interest on how they could best serve the beautification process.

One early discussion item was what to call this voluntary "band of gardeners." Several suggestions were offered before the Seville Sunflowers was unanimously accepted.

At the May 24 SRA Board meeting, the concept of a volunteer garden group was presented, including preliminary plans about what they hoped to accomplish.

At that time, the idea of developing the barren area at the outer edge of the tennis court was discussed. This area became an eyesore over the past years. It had been filled with tree roots and weeds.

The board approved cultivating this spot of ground into a flower garden. Unofficially it was identified as The Tennis Court Garden due to its location. After some serious thought and consideration by three women who had been assigned responsibility for developing this area, it was decided to call it The Peace Garden.

Each volunteer has assumed responsibility for a specific area or task. This includes planning and designing, purchasing plants, then planting, fertilizing, weeding, managing the upkeep of the garden they designed. It might be small like flowerpots, or larger where the garden needs bark mulch and or soil.

Ongoing tasks include maintaining general grounds beautification (a.k.a. litter control), biweekly hand watering 19 flowerpots, pruning shrubbery, maintaining Rock Gardens, and ensuring that the flowers thrive.

One visibly noticeable change was identifying and repairing electrical lighting at the Seville entrance and in the common area.

Thank you to the City of Aurora for the excellent work they provided when trouble shooting the streetlight that no longer worked. HG maintenance Department repaired the lighting required at the entrance and interior of the Seville area.

There were some unique contributions by the following people. Thank you.

- Gifts of flower containers, carpentry, artwork, lighting, and strenuous labor involved when cultivating The Peace Garden: Colyn Gingola, B233; Al and Helen Reasoner, B235; Carol Mehle, B235; Roger Barbe, B231; and Bill Howlett, B233.

- Roads & Grounds and Board Director Gretchen Simone, B235, for guidance and interaction with the SRA Board.

Thank you to all the generous donors who responded to the recent request for needed funds to support the efforts towards creating The Peace Garden. This will be an ongoing effort. It will evolve as the plants grow and new ideas emerge for modifications.

The Seville Sunflowers by buildings:

Building	Name
B231	Julie Barbe, Colleen Bolejack and Judy Hein
B232	Janet Arce, Melinda Christ, Diane Dean and Mary Ellen Lawrence
B233	DJ Vrooman
B234	Janet Redcross
B235	Ann Black, Barbie Bock, Patt Clark and Gretchen Simone

– **Gretchen Simone, B235**  
**Director, SRA Roads & Grounds**  
**and Patt Clark, B235**  
**"The Flower Lady"**



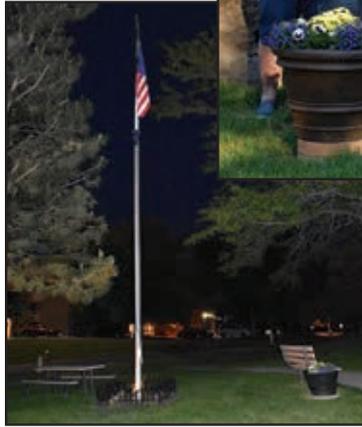
Above: The Seville sign has been cleared of the weeds and debris that had accumulated.

# SEVILLE SUNFLOWERS



Left: The Seville Sunflowers were photographed at the entry to the Seville area in front of its boulder and adjacent to one of the flower pots they installed in the past year.

Far left: A flower garden surrounds the flag pole in the Seville common area.



Left: The Peace Garden (next to the tennis court) was designed and planted by members of this volunteer gardening group.

Photos by Janis Farrell

## The Seville flag was a “Payback Gift”

Byron Macdonald, B232, sent me a copy of an article that appeared in the August 1994 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. It referred to articles previously published in the *Rocky Mountain News* (July 5, 1983) and *Heather 'n Yon* (1984).

Maria and Andy Richman, B232, in gratitude for their new home and freedom in the U.S., donated \$3,000 to erect the Seville flagpole and its original flag on July 4, 1983.

The Richmans had come to the United States in 1952 after their native Hungary became communist.

“I lost my country, my flag and my home,” said Maria Richman. “Now we have a home and a country, and we want to have a flag.”

Their trials and disappointments began in 1943–44, in a small village near Budapest, Hungary. Andrew, who had served in the Hungarian Army, felt threatened by the Russians. Because he knew German, he and Maria escaped to Leipzig, Germany, when Maria was pregnant.

Food was scarce, such that the baby girl died at two months of age. When Germany was divided into three parts, the unlucky Richmans

were in the Russian Zone!

Determined to save his family, Andy crawled from East Germany to the West, a distance of 40 feet that took 3 hours. Maria, with an older son and a new baby boy, was still in the East.

As conditions worsened, and the family starving, Maria considered suicide on a river bridge. A stranger stopped her, “Do what I tell you. I’ll help you escape.”

At a railway station she was to meet a man with a knapsack and an “X” on his shoulder.

“Look cheerful. Follow him.”

She followed the guide through what seemed like miles of forest land despite wondering if he could be a secret policeman, laying a trap.

Just a few feet from the border, Maria carried her baby and clutched her son’s hand. They ran and ran. In 1948, she had made it! But her trials were not ended. She only had East German money. A restaurant gave the three escapees free food and milk for the baby.

At the train, a man waiting to take his daughter back to East Germany, offered to trade his West money for Maria’s East money. She could buy a train ticket to the town where her husband was working as a cabinet maker. After four years of

terror, the family was reunited.

Andy appealed to the American Embassy for papers to immigrate. Another four years passed. The Red Cross found a farmer near St. Louis who agreed to sponsor the family.

In Bremerhaven, they joined 1,200 families boarding a ship to America. After 11 days passage, they saw the Statue of Liberty.

Tragedy struck again — the farmer had no work for Andy. While in New York, a new sponsor was located in Denver, Colorado. The Richmans boarded a train and three days later arrived in Denver.

Andy worked in a greenhouse. After two months, he found a better job...and a home in Park Hill, then in Wheat Ridge. In Heather Gardens, 80-year-old Andy was semi-retired and Maria enjoyed cooking Hungarian foods (goulash).

Byron Macdonald’s comment regarding this remarkable story, “I think it is important, given the times, that people remember the sacrifices immigrants have made to come to the U.S.”

They just might be eternally grateful. Like the Richmans, they might enrich their community in a surprising way.

– Lynn Donaldson

# Clubs and Organizations

## **HG Grief Support**

We will begin our series of sessions 4:15–6 pm Tuesday, Aug. 3, in the Clubhouse. This group helps those who have lost a loved one. We have a structured eight-week program, combining an educational and supportive approach in how to cope and live with your loss.

You must register in advance. For information and registration, please call Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722. Please leave a message if no answer — or call again.

## **CP1**

CP1 is holding its happy hours outdoors this summer. We gather in small groups, within a cul-de-sac, on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 4 pm.

We ask that people bring their own favorite drink, a folding chair and a mask. We will occasionally provide a treat, such as tacos in a bag or ice cream. We also might retreat back to Zoom gatherings, when the weather is not agreeable.

## **TOPS**

Coronavirus 19, have you heard of it? It is the weight gain during the shutdown. Maybe you decided to put away those comfortable clothes, and get ready to fit into those dress-up clothes again. Thinking of saving pajamas for bedtime only? Or do you just want a new beginning of healthy eating and losing weight.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Thursday morning, 8–9:30 am, Blue Spruce Room. With a sense of teamwork, we encourage each other to eat healthy, lose the unwanted pounds, and have fun along the way. Both men and women are welcome. For information, contact Bernie Radakovits, 720-397-1388.

## **Tai Chi**

The HG Tai Chi Club has resumed meeting. After more than a year apart, we met on the Clubhouse tennis courts on Thursday morning, July 8. Although Tai chi was originally developed for self-defense, it

has evolved into a slow form of exercise used for stress reduction and improved posture, flexibility, and balance. Tai chi consists of deliberate, flowing movements, which are grouped into forms. It has been described as “meditation in motion.”

Even though the temperature for our first meeting was nearly 90 degrees, we had a chance to review and practice the first few of the 24 forms in our Yang style of Tai chi.

We plan to continue to meet weekly on Thursday mornings. The start time is flexible, and weather dependent. For more information about the club or to sign up, contact Dean Uyeno, [dean.uyeno@live.com](mailto:dean.uyeno@live.com).

## **The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus**

August is here, and the days are long and hot. If you are tired of the heat, try something new. Come join us in the Sandberg Auditorium every Thursday, 4:45–6:15 pm, and sing with us. All you need is a desire to sing, and a willingness to learn songs. We are a friendly group who love to sing.

The group is searching for a new accompanist/director. If interested, call the NoteAbles Chairman Thomas Kappel, 720-377-5756. Make sure to leave a voice message, so he can call you back.

We hope to find a new accompanist soon, so that we might have a holiday program. Basically, we run on donations and dues. All newcomers are welcome. — Thomas Kappel

## **CP4**

We have our monthly get-together at Rendezvous at 5 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Call Beverly Nelson if you plan to attend.

## **Men with Purpose**

A group of men, with diversified backgrounds, gather to discuss timely topics regarding healthy aging and purposeful retirement. Books and articles relating to these topics are discussed by group members.

Leadership is shared. Men With Purpose meets the first and third Fri-

days of each month, 10–11 am, in the Skyview Room. For further information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

## **Heather Gardens Indivisible**

The purpose of HG Indivisible is to protect and preserve our democracy by empowering active citizens to take actions that will impact public policy. We are nonpartisan and inclusive — more issue-oriented than candidate-oriented.

We meet on the first and third Friday of the month, 1 pm at Rendezvous, to discuss issues, books, ideas. You don't have to be a resident of HG. And you don't have to order lunch, but it's a good way to support our local restaurant.

The zoom meeting will be on the fourth Friday of the month at 1 pm. The link is sent out with the agenda. Be sure you are on Linda's email list to receive notice of changes or additional opportunities. Information: Linda Champ, 720-252-7324, [linda-champ91@gmail.com](mailto:linda-champ91@gmail.com).

## **HG Aviation Club**

The HG Aviation Club will hold an in-person meeting the second Wednesday evening on Aug. 11, at 6 pm (note earlier start time), Aspen Room.

The presentation will be from the award-winning NBC TV series *Victory at Sea*, with the wonderful music of Richard Rogers and the NBC Symphony Orchestra. The program will be *The Marianna's Turkey Shoot*, about the Battle of the Philippine Sea. See you there. — Rudy Morris

## **The Green Team**

The Green Team meets the second Thursday each month, noon–2 pm, in the Blue Spruce Room. All are welcome to join us on Aug. 12 for our monthly meeting. For information, Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-587-9797.

Attention All Dog Owners: If you are not in the Puppy Poop Program (PPP) and getting the special compostable bags, do not use the specially marked PPP bins. We are finding a number of bags purchased in local pet stores claiming to be

compostable. Why would you buy them, when you can obtain free bags from PPP?

If you are new to HG and not familiar with this program, call 720-774-3368. If you have signed up with PPP, mark Friday, Aug. 27, on your calendar to pick up your monthly bag quota in the Clubhouse lobby, 9 am–noon. Please leave your dog at home, because they cannot come inside.

### **RV Lot Club**

Our club is open to all who RV, not just those who rent space in the HG RV lot. At our meetings, we share information and experience about RV-ing. We lobby to improve conditions in the RV storage lot. We also anticipate having social, travel and camping activities.

The club meets the second Thursday of each month, 5–6 pm, in the Aspen Room. For additional information, please contact Forrest McClure, 720-979-4707, or Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877. Happy trails and safe travels!

### **Birding and Nature Club**

The club meets on the second Friday of each month, 10 am, in the Mountain View Room. Outings will be planned that incorporate, not only bird watching, but also geocaching, jogging, hiking, and biking.

If you are interested in any of these hobbies/activities, please contact Karen Gold, [ksb5x5@hotmail.com](mailto:ksb5x5@hotmail.com), or 712-301-2284. We will add you to the email group, so you can join us on outings.

### **Karaoke Club**

The club meets 5–7 pm on the second Friday in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. BYOB and snacks. Great songs to choose from and sing. Sing solo or with a group. For information, call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877.

### **Photo Club**

The club gathers on the third Monday, 3 pm, Aspen Room. Keep using your camera. – Anne Gillis, [Anne@hummelgillis898.com](mailto:Anne@hummelgillis898.com), 303-751-3030.

### **Caregivers Support Group**

This group meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 2–4 pm, in the Aspen Room. All caregivers are welcome. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

### **CP3**

Once again, food trucks are being scheduled on the third Wednesday. Flyers or email notices will let you know. – Robin O'Meara

### **Frolics**

Reopening celebration! HG Frolics Club has invited HG and Windsor Gardens residents to our Reopening Celebration on Friday, Aug. 20, 1–4 pm in the Sandberg Auditorium. Light refreshments will be served.

The Frolics Club is for those who enjoy performing and/or creating scenery and props. We will update everyone on the status of the play we started rehearsing for 2021. It now will be presented in May 2022. Some roles have been cast, but there are more to be added.

At the Reopening Celebration, you will have a chance to ask questions, and meet other Frolics Club members. We will have a drawing for 16 complimentary tickets to any show on May 13, 14 or 15 (excludes May 12 dinner show). Eight tickets will be available to members; 8 tickets will be available to guests. Bring an interested friend — or friends — to the meeting, and they could win a free ticket!

We will have a humorous skit to show what it takes to produce a show — from selecting a script to the final curtain call. Much of what we do is not seen by the audience, but we have a great time doing it.

Last item of business: election of Frolics officers for the year September 2021–August 2022. Because of COVID, the Board waived membership fees for Sept. 2020–Aug. 2021, meaning all Frolics members who had paid their membership dues for the previous year are still members in good standing. You then have full privileges for this meeting.

For all guests at this meeting, the Board extends an invitation to you to

join the Frolics and your membership will begin immediately, giving you full privileges to vote at this meeting. Dues are \$10 a year. If you plan to join, please bring a check or small bills on Aug. 20.

Slate of officers:

President Joyce Laman  
Vice President Lee Nicholson  
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Corresponding Secretary Mary Nygaard  
Treasurer Jimmie Whorton  
Business Manager Robert Roybal  
Asst. Bus. Manager Jerry Brewster

### **Wine and Cheese Social Club**

The Aug. 21 Wine and Cheese will be combined with the Hippie Party this year, 5:30–9 pm, Picnic Pavilion. \$5 cover charge. Bring a potluck side dish. RSVP by Aug. 18: call 303-751-1811 x5."

### **SRA**

The Seville Recreational Association meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. For information: Byron Macdonald, B232, 303-745-2521.

### **Low Vision Support Group**

We meet the fourth Monday of each month, 1:30–2:30 pm, in the HG Library. Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224, for information or questions.

### **OPOCS Singles Club**

Pinochle and bridge groups are meeting again. We are working on getting social gatherings going. Get your shots! For reservations, you can reach JoAnn Cunningham, 303-751-5195, or Kay Robertson, 303-400-8358. – JoAnn Cunningham

### **HG Republicans**

Choices versus Control. Which do you prefer? We all want to be able to make our own choices, and not be forced to cave to a political agenda. If you agree, come to our August Rally, and purchase a HG Republican Club

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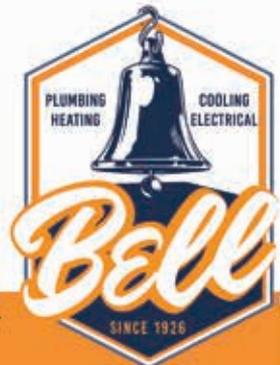
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# Sports and Recreation

## Tennis Club

Club members play Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 8-10 am. We offer free lessons.

On Saturday, Aug. 7, we will have a showcase. Please join us for juice, coffee, donuts, and danish. We can train you on the ball machine, and give lessons. You can meet our members at the Picnic Pavilion, and play tennis on the courts.

We meet the third Wednesday of the month, 4 pm, in Rendezvous Restaurant, for social time. With questions: Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-587-9797. Hope to see you on the courts.

## Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 11:30 am–2:30 pm, in the Skyview Room. Questions: Maris Kuga, 720-748-0590.

## Monday Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room. If that room is not available, ask at the Reception Desk for our location. We play for a maximum of \$3, so bring your coins.

All players are welcome, but you must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. If you are just curious about the game, feel free to drop by to observe. For information: Bobbie, 720-708-6738.

## Ping Pong

Fun and great exercise. Come join us in playing doubles, 2 pm every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday in the Game Room. You can also play by contacting the Reception Desk in the Clubhouse. If you have questions, call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205.

– B. Schlageter

## Fun (Gals) Golf

Our starting tee times on Tuesdays begin at 8, 8:12, and 8:24 am. On Thursdays we tee off at 8:12, 8:24, and 8:36 am. Fun Golf will be canceled on Tuesday, Aug. 3, due to tournaments.

You must call or visit HG Golf Pro Shop to sign up for each day and time

you wish to play. Call 303-751-2390: press 1; when they answer, specify you would like to play "Fun Golf," and sign-up for the day(s) and time(s) you wish to play.

Masks are required in and around the Pro Shop by those who are not yet fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Masks are optional for those who have been fully vaccinated.

If you have further questions, please contact Linda Hileman, via email at [Lshileman1958@gmail.com](mailto:Lshileman1958@gmail.com), or 303-514-5379. Please leave a voice mail or send a text. (I won't answer calls from numbers that I don't recognize.)

## Hand and Foot

Hand and Foot is a card game that is fun, and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountainview Room. Call Kevin Keator, 303-699-4641.

## Pickleball

It's a little like tennis, ping-pong, racquetball, and badminton — all mixed together. It's a lot of fun, and great exercise, too. We welcome pickleball players at all skill levels.

Beginner? We are happy to help you learn to play this game we enjoy so much. We play Pickleball on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 8 am–noon, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30–7:30 pm. We have added play on Saturday morning, while the tennis club may be playing on the west court.

Phil Hughes, [phdenver@comcast.net](mailto:phdenver@comcast.net), occasionally sends out emails to the Pickleball list of players for any time changes, based on weather, and to make sure there are enough people planning to play!

With Pickleball players at all skill levels, players have been able to choose "gentle" Pickleball on one court, or a more "competitive" (advanced) Pickleball on other courts.

For more information on Pickleball, visit: <https://plaidflannel.com/pickleball>. If you want to learn more about Pickleball at HG, call Ro-

salie, 303-751-1226. To get on the Pickleball roster and be notified of changes, email Phil Hughes: [phdenver@comcast.net](mailto:phdenver@comcast.net) or call him, 303-503-7633.

## Tuesday Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room, except the fourth Tuesday of the month, when we play in the Skyview Room. All players are welcome. Please have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social game: we do not play for money, only glory.

Never played Mah Jongg? Come and observe, to see if you wish to learn. Free lessons can be arranged. Call Laurie, 720-210-8033, or Bobbie, 520-743-6849, for information.

## Billiard Club

The club has resumed its Tuesday evening Co-ed 8-Ball tournament at 5 pm. We will begin playing at 5:30, as we have to be finished by 7:30 pm. New players are always welcome.

A Men's group plays 9-Ball on Thursdays. Please contact Rita Cusack, 720-535-8637, or Connie Burns, 303-695-0766.

## HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

We play at 1 pm in the Blue Spruce Room each Wednesday. Pre-registration is required by email to [merrilyv@sonic.net](mailto:merrilyv@sonic.net), or calling me, 720-282-3199. Please note if you require a North/South seating.

Masks are required. No food or drink is available. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032. – Merrily Van Zevern, Director

## Pinochle

We play for fun and friendship. We start at 1:30 pm, ending at 4 pm, every Wednesday in the Mountainview Room. Please join us if you'd like to play, learn, or just sharpen your skills. Call Diane, 707-799-6449 or 6446. We look forward to seeing you.

## Evening Pinochle

We meet 6–8 pm Monday nights, Mountainview Room. For information: Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

### Afternoon Cribbage

Afternoon Cribbage meets 12:30–3 pm Wednesdays, in the Clubhouse Lobby, near the fireplace. Information: Dean Lux, 303-353-4267.

### Bunko

Bunko meets the first and third Thursdays each month, 1–3:30 pm. We gather in the Blue Spruce Room at 12:45 pm, and start play at 1 pm. For information: Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

### Thursday Open Bridge Club

We play every Thursday, 1–4 pm, Skyview Room. No need for reservations: all bridge players welcome for casual, social play. Information: Joanne Turner, 719-641-3644.

### Men's Golf Club

The Men's Golf Club plays Friday mornings. Call the Pro Shop for tee times and membership information.

### Tournament Results July 2

#### Flight A

- 1st John Bender
- 2nd Eli Henrie
- 3rd Chris Hughes, Jon Freyer
- 4th Bill Schmit, Gary Hill,  
Jake Flint, Dave Oakland

#### Flight B

- 1st Randy White
- 2nd Doug Miller, Jim Stebbins
- 3rd Tom Fitzgerald
- 4th Jess Deal, Vern Thompson

#### Flight C

- 1st Mike Steffens
- 2nd Rob Ledford, Mike Benowitz,  
Bob McElfresh
- 3rd Tom Kappel, David Croak

#### Flight D

- 1st Mark Ethridge, Bob Streno,  
William Dearing,
- 2nd Ted Cowan, Mike Brown,  
Alfred Reasoner

#### Flight E

- 1st Dave Walstrom
- 2nd George Madonna,  
Blair Kittleson
- 3rd Mike Connolly, Richard Apt

### July 9

#### Flight A

- 1st Gene Barth
- 2nd Dick Baker, Dan Wallace
- 3rd Chris Hughes

- 4th Ed Bradley, Russ Gates,  
Dave Oakland, Pete Profera,  
Bill Schmit

#### Flight B

- 1st Neil Buck
- 2nd Jess Deal
- 3rd Vern Thompson
- 4th Gene Daniels
- 5th Mike Meagher, Eric Neel,  
Gary Ukele

#### Flight C

- 1st Rob Ledford, Bob McElfresh,  
Vinny Rozanskas,  
Henry Ulibarri
- 2nd Tom Kappel
- 3rd Jim Pardikes.

#### Flight D

- 1st Phil Corliss
- 2nd William Dearing, Al Reasoner
- 3rd Ben Chavez, Gary Kessler
- 4th Ted Cowan

#### Flight E

- 1st George Madonna
- 2nd Jon Erion
- 3rd Phil Haas
- 4th David McCollom,  
Joe Robinson
- 5th Bob Bell, Neil Miller

### 500 Club

We want you! Do you like to play cards with a fun, easy-going group of people? Then you must join us for 500. We play at 1 pm every Friday in the Skyview Room. Don't know the game? It's easy to learn, and we are happy to teach. See you Friday! Linda Serio, 303-368-8123.

### Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. – Donna Hudziak, 303-833-3115.

### HG Bowling

After a year of COVID, and getting schedules shifted around by the bowling alley, it is time to revive the bowling league at Heather Gardens. Since we can no longer get the preferred Thursday morning time slot at Bowlero on Peoria/Illiff, we are looking to move to Arapahoe Lanes, 6850 South Dayton. The good news is that they are more responsive to our preferred times and days. It is not really much difference in distance, if you go across the Dam Road, and turn left

on Dayton. It's only three miles from there. We can also discuss car-pooling options at our meeting, if needed.

This information is a work in progress, since we had to meet the deadline for this publication. But tentatively it looks like this: a kickoff meeting is planned at Arapahoe Lanes at 9:30 am Thursday, Sept. 2.

Official league bowling is planned to begin the following week, Sept. 9, 9:30 am. Please pass the word to previous bowlers or other future prospective bowlers. I will send updates as I develop the email distribution list. Also, be sure to check the September issue of *Heather 'n Yon* for any last-minute changes.

To get an idea of league size, let me know if you have a full team (four people), partial team, if signing up as an individual — or interested, but need additional details to decide. I will send email updates as details are confirmed. Please send an email to Glenn Riggs, [gvriggs@yahoo.com](mailto:gvriggs@yahoo.com).

### HG Ladies Golf Club

The club is in full stride, with many successes to celebrate. Our regular season concludes at the end of August, but play continues through September.

In June, an average of 61 members played each Wednesday, and the club recorded 12 chip-ins and seven birdies.

*Upcoming events:* Historically, the club has held events with both the Springhill and Windsor Gardens Ladies Golf Clubs. Due to extenuating circumstances, both those tournaments have been canceled for 2021, but the board is looking at hosting an intra-club event in September. Details will be announced when available.

The club championship will be held on Wednesdays, Aug. 18 and Aug. 25. To qualify for prize money during the championship, members must have a handicap and have played in five Wednesday tournaments.

After play ends on the second day, the club will host a meeting and

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Join our growing group of concerned Americans who are working in Colorado to bring about change. We are excited and hopeful — looking for more motivated HG seniors who are determined to be silent no more.

There are very important elections coming in November in Arapahoe County: Aurora City Council and school board. The results will have lasting effects on economic development, crime prevention, and the values we hold dear. Now is not the time to sit back and relax. We need to stay involved and vote!

In lieu of our general meeting, we will hold a Saturday Candidates

Rally at the Picnic Pavilion by the Tennis Courts. Hear from all the candidates who are running, as well as Mayor Coffman and sitting city council members. There will be music, t-shirts, and miscellaneous items to purchase, if desired. Answering questions and meeting others who care about the state of our community will be the order of the day.

Candidate Rally

Date: Saturday, Aug. 28

Speakers: Candidates, City Council members and Aurora Mayor

Time: 9–11 am

Location: Picnic Pavilion, by the Tennis Courts

Please call or email to register to attend. Seating is limited. Want to join a movement for Choice instead of Control? You can join for only \$15/year. We have a membership packet waiting for you.

If you want to attend and are not a member, we welcome you to join us! A donation of \$5 is appreciated that helps cover advertising costs. For more info: Send email to: [hgrclub@gmail.com](mailto:hgrclub@gmail.com), or call 720-500-4047.

### HG Democratic Club

Although we normally meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December), our August meeting will be on the fifth Tuesday, Aug. 31, 4–5:30 pm. We will have our annual potluck picnic in the Picnic Pavilion.

Please let me know if you are coming, so I have a head count. Bring a dish sufficient for about 10 people. I will bring chicken, fried and grilled, and paper goods. — Marty Karnopp, Chair, 303-353-9640, [mjkarnopp@gmail.com](mailto:mjkarnopp@gmail.com).

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luncheon at the Rendezvous. Elections for 2022 officers will be held.

**Sign up protocols:** If you need to sign up for weekly play, you can call the Pro Shop — beginning on Thursday morning — to make a tee time for the following week. No phoned-in tee-time reservations are accepted on the day of play.

**Volunteers needed:** The club's Social Committee needs volunteers. Contact Lisa Matthews, [Michigan\\_lisa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisa@sbcglobal.net).

All women who are interested in league play are invited to join the HGLGC, regardless of skill level. Detailed information and membership applications are available at [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com), or in the Pro Shop.

**Golf Trivia:** The odds of an amateur making a hole-in-one on a par 3 are 12,500 to 1. During their careers, golf legends Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer had 20 and 18 hole-in-ones, respectively.

### Tournament Results June 16

#### Flight A

1st Margie Francone

2nd Beulah Gould, Sara Stoner,  
Nancy Bonniwell

#### Flight B

1st Mary Ann Morris

2nd Judy Brehmer

3rd Karin Bentley

4th S. Koepke, Barb McShane,  
S. Murphy

#### Flight C

1st Florence Madonna

2nd Mary Frevert

3rd Linda Savage

4th Connie Burns/Gina Studer

#### Flight D

1st Norma Gunnerson

2nd Sheryl Menger

3rd Sharon Weiss

4th Cindy Belz

### Tournament Results July 7

#### Flight A

1st JoAnn Fitch, Beulah Gould

3rd Margie Francone

4th Glenda Pitts

#### Flight B

1st Bonnie McMullen

2nd Mary Ann Morris

3rd Mary Jo Pritchard

4th Rosalie Einspahr

#### Flight C

1st Marsha Swink

2nd Florence Madonna

3rd Connie Burns, Mary Frevert,  
Sally Koepke, Gina Studer

#### Flight D

1st Susan Craig

2nd Lucy Adler

3rd Judy Joyce

4th Anne Gillis

### Tournament Play July 14

#### Flight A

1st Earlyne Winters

2nd Colleen Kreft, Teri Olmstead

4th Beulah Gould, Debbie Madril

#### Flight B

1st Judy Nelson,

Sandra Sweeney

3rd Karen Bentley,

Bonnie McMullen,

Mavis Richardson

#### Flight C

1st Sally Koepke

2nd Carol Strickland

3rd Florence Madonna

4th Cecily Kittleson, Cindy Koch

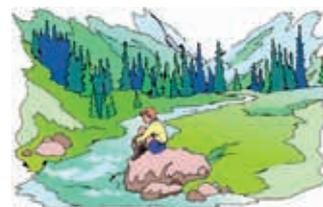
#### Flight D

1st Anne Gillis

2nd Lucy Adler

3rd Maureen McBride

4th Adele Grasse, Lisa  
Matthews, Lil Pickrel



# HGMD Foundation

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This committee needs new members. If interested in serving you may obtain an application on the HG website, [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org).

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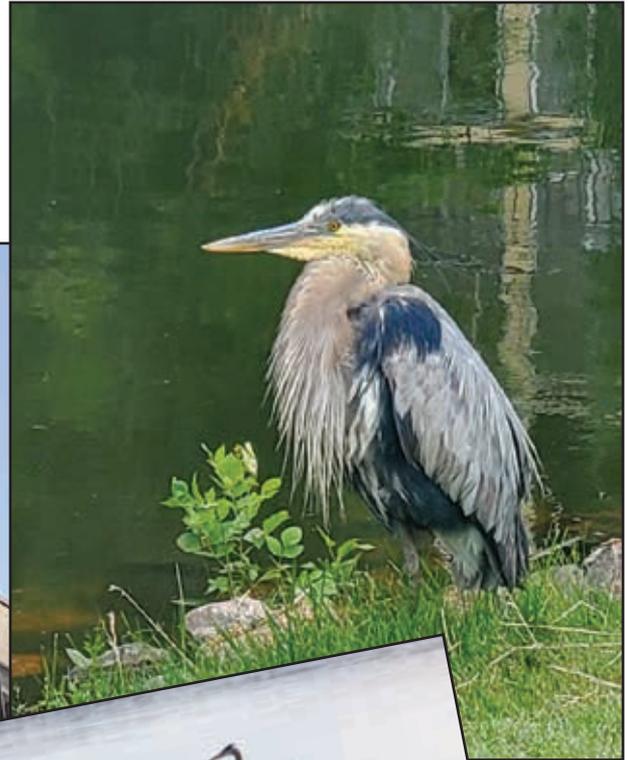
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## The wildlife in and around HG never ceases to amaze residents

The Great Blue Heron has a distinctive look — it generally prefers HG ponds (right). Photo by Anne Hummel-Gillis. However, Evelyn Irvin, B233, captured the two herons on the top of a six-story building in the Seville area (below).

Below: A visiting fox selected an unusual resting place for his nap — the trunk of a car among several on a parking slab.



Right: Geese are a common sight near HG ponds on the Golf Course. This photo captured by Bonnie Williams, B232, captured a family: one adult with five goslings headed towards a recently created pond after a rain storm.



**Heather 'n Yon thanks all photographers for sharing these remarkable images.**



Above: One of the best features near HG is the Cherry Creek Reservoir where lots of wildlife activity can be found. Two water fowl are either taking off or landing behind two ducks. (Photographer unknown.)

Kestrel hawk rests on a tree limb, tightly holding the fish it caught and not eaten yet. (Photo by Jeannie Girard, B213.)

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Clubhouse Hours:

Monday-Saturday: 7 am–8 pm

Sunday: 8 am–6 pm

Swimming Pool Hours:

Indoor Pool: Mon–Sat 7 am–7:30 pm

Sun 8 am–5:30 pm

Lap lanes available when swim classes are in session.

Saturday Lap Lanes limited to 2 lanes, 8–10 am.

Outdoor Pool: Mon–Sat 8 am–7:30 pm

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Family Swim Time: Tu, Th, Fr, Su 11 am–1 pm

(outdoor pool only; note Friday is added)

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## Movies are Back!

### Movie Matinee and Night: Midway

Friday, Aug. 6, 1 pm and 6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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Midway centers on the Battle of Midway, a clash between the American naval fleet and the imperial Japanese navy, which marked a pivotal turning point in the Pacific Theater during WW2. The film, based on the real-life events of this heroic feat, tells the story of the leaders and soldiers who used their instincts, fortitude and bravery to overcome the odds. Rate PG-13.

{Note: Movies will resume in September on the second and fourth Fridays, except in November and December.}

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Saturday Aug. 7, 12–2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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### Active Minds: History of Colorado

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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Discover the stories of Colorado History. There were competing claims to Colorado, dating back to the Native Americans who originally lived here. The 15 year struggle to become the 38th state will be outlined. The role of mining and oil in the state's evolution will be described. Bring your favorite Colorado stories to share!

### Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, Aug. 12, 10 am–noon (or until food runs out), Parking Lot B250

In response to COVID-19, the city of Aurora, in partnership with SECORCares, is working to launch a mobile food pantry for seniors. No cost for the food. Sample food may include but is not limited to: rice, beans or pasta, cereal/oatmeal, various canned items, fresh produce, dairy, eggs, and protein. \*Food will be modified to accommodate senior needs as best as possible i.e., low sodium, low fat, softer foods. Questions? Call 303-739-7281

### Flea Market

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13, 14, 9 am–3 pm

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### 101st Army Dixieland Band

Friday Aug. 13, 6 pm, Clubhouse Parking lot

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### Watch Batteries Replaced

Thursday, Aug. 19, 9 am–1pm, Sunburst Café

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**Rendezvous offers Saturday Night Entertainment**

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**Trips**

The Clubhouse is working on offering multiple trips soon! Cheryl Greenman is working to schedule some other summer trips — one to Manitou Springs for the new Cog Railway. Trips to the Flying W Ranch and another Rockies game are listed this month. RTD SeniorRide trips are on hold until September. Cheryl continues to investigate when Blackhawk casinos and bus companies will resume gambling day trips.

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**Rockies**

Thursday, Sept. 23, 11:30 am–4 pm

Cost: \$30

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**Overheard @ HG**

## **New meaning to the term, Service Dog**

**by Morticia Hafka**

I try to stay out of politics. I'm a dog. I attempt to not engage in controversies more radical than: Should I chase a rabbit? Or should I chase a squirrel?

(If you're a member of the Wildlife Conservation Society, please don't send me nasty letters. I'm a dog. I can't read.)

But I'm sensing the inevitable pull, which I often feel around here, when humans fail to step up to the plate, and perform their civic duties as a person should. So it is with great reluctance, and some trepidation, that I make the following announcement: I'm running for the HG board of directors.

Which board, you ask? It really doesn't matter.

Both seem to have a hard time attracting sufficient candidates to make the elections a horse race. Or a dog-track race, if you prefer.

So I'll run for either board, or both boards, if the occasion arises. If I am only allowed to sit on one board, I'll probably settle on the one where they serve the best snacks.

Actually, following a careful review of eligibility requirements, I suppose it's the homeowner association board for which I'll throw my collar in the ring. The HG Metropolitan District Board requires a candidate to be an eligible elector of the district. Due to some irrational restriction that prevents dogs from registering to vote, I guess I'll need to pursue an opening on the other board.

For the homeowners-association board, I see that I meet the requirements of having lived in HG more than 12 consecutive months and not owing HG any money. No place does the write-up say that the candidate can't be a dog.

The committee on which I'd prefer to serve would be Roads & Grounds, for obvious reasons. Also, since I live closer to the ground than any of the other board members, I feel I can offer special expertise on

the topic.

I might pursue a position on the Clubhouse Committee, as well. I'd strive to undo the restrictive rule that no dogs are allowed within the building. How can dogs exercise their mission of guiding humans and exerting a positive influence, if they're forced to stand outdoors on the sidewalk? Sometimes, people just don't think things through.

In due course, if I am elected president of the board, my brother — the cat — can sit as my vice president. He has no opinions on anything, except meals being served late. He sleeps most of the time, and only wakes up to eat. These are fine qualities in a vice president, I think.

On second thought, installing my brother as vice president might be interpreted as nepotism. A better idea: there are a number of dogs living in HG that probably could be appointed to fill out the rest of the board positions. So long as no one objects if they fall asleep during directors' meetings, they'd be up to the task. If a human elbows them to wake them up, the awakened canine might elect to bite the person whose elbow did the deed. That can be interpreted as a "no" vote on the latest motion.

I feel my neighbor Wiggles, the French poodle, would make an excellent Board Treasurer. Wiggles keeps an exact count, at all times, of how many dog toys he should have. He flies into hysteria if any of them are missing. That sort of attention to detail could prove a valuable asset to the Budget & Finance Committee.

Then there's Jeremy, the basset hound, who has a serious interest in structural maintenance. Jeremy spends a lot of time inspecting buildings at close quarters, before lifting his leg against the side of a selected few. No doubt he's testing the caliber of concrete used — can it stand up to stress and chemical attacks?

Bathsheba, the bichon frise, is

very fussy. She could serve as chair of the Architectural Control Committee. If nitpicking is the desired trait for evaluating home-improvement projects, she's your girl (dog).

Hannah, the canine bulldozer — she's 100 pounds of pure, sloppy dog love — would like to assume responsibility for the restaurant. Especially the kitchen. Particularly the food-tasting responsibilities.

I tried to make other use of local talent, and retain the services of the colony of rabbits living under the lanai as my campaign staff. They proved less than satisfactory. They scatter in all directions at the slightest provocation, which makes trying to hold staff meetings challenging.

The squirrels that live in the surrounding trees aren't any better. Although they'll work for peanuts, they seem to lack the emotional stability a candidate would prefer. Just think of the legal fees. The candidate might end up trying to buy off the victims of such squirrely behavior, which would tend to negate the "working for peanuts" advantage.

I know what you're all thinking: none of the above suggestions sounds particularly promising as a solution to filling board of director positions. But remember all the times that animals have had to step in before — when humans proved not up to a task?

Remember Laika, the first Russian dog in space? Or Ham, the U.S. astro-chimp? Today, Richard Branson and Jeff Bezos — the billionaires — behave as though they've done something noteworthy by heading off in spacecrafts they didn't even actually fly. But Laika and Ham achieved these benchmarks 60 or more years ago, and did so with considerably less fanfare.

So give it some thought. If you like the idea of me being your board representative, please indicate your preference by sending me dog treats, as a form of straw poll. In that way, if the eligibility monitors get sticky about the fact that I'm not actually a homeowner — my name isn't on the house — all won't be for naught. You'll have had the opportunity to express your views. I'll still get the dog treats. I'd call that a win-win.

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